

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously amended) A sustained-release composition comprising a core wherein said core comprises one or more active agents in combination with excipients comprising one or more prolamins and one or more gelling agents, wherein said one or more prolamins is about 30% to about 70% of the total weight of the composition and said one or more gelling agents is about 5% to about 20% of the total weight of the composition.
2. (canceled)
3. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said one or more prolamins is selected from the group consisting of zein, hordein, gliadin, kafirin, secalinin, aveline, panincin, orzenin, and mixtures thereof.
4. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said one or more gelling agents is selected from the group consisting of plant extracts, gums, synthetic or natural polysaccharides, polypeptides, alginates, synthetic polymers, and mixtures thereof.
5. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said one or more active agents is a pharmaceutical agent.
6. (original) The composition of claim 5, wherein said pharmaceutical agent is selected from the group consisting of pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, pseudoephedrine sulfate, acetaminophen, diclofenac sodium, verapamil, glipizide, nifedipine, felodipine, betahistine, albuterol, acrivastine, omeprazole, misoprostol, tramadol, oxybutynin, trimebutine, ciprofloxacin, antifungal agents, analgesic agents, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs including salicylates, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and mixtures thereof.
7. (previously amended) The composition of claim 4, wherein said one or more gelling agents is xanthan gum.
8. (currently amended) The composition of claim 18, wherein said one or more additional excipients is selected from the group consisting of starches, modified starches, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
9. (previously amended) A delayed-onset composition comprising a core and a coating wherein said coating is dry-compressed and comprises excipients comprising one or more prolamins and one or more gelling agents, wherein said one or more prolamins is about 30% to about 100% of the total weight of the coating and said one or more gelling agents is about 0% to about 20% of the total weight of the coating.

10. (original) The composition of claim 9, wherein said one or more prolamins is selected from the group consisting of zein, hordein, gliadin, kafirin, secalinin, aveline, panincin, orzenin, and mixtures thereof.

11. (previously amended) The composition of claim 9, wherein said one or more gelling agents is selected from the group consisting of plant extracts, gums, synthetic or natural polysaccharides, polypeptides, alginates, synthetic polymers, and mixtures thereof.

12. (original) The composition of claim 9, wherein said core comprises one or more active agents.

13. (original) The composition of claim 12, wherein said one or more active agents is a pharmaceutical agent.

14. (original) The composition of claim 13, wherein said pharmaceutical agent is selected from the group consisting of pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, pseudoephedrine sulfate, acetaminophen, diclofenac sodium, verapamil, glipizide, nifedipine, felodipine, betahistine, albuterol, acrivastine, omeprazole, misoprostol, tramadol, oxybutynin, trimebutine, ciprofloxacin, antifungal agents, analgesic agents, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs including salicylates, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and mixtures thereof.

15. (original) The composition of claim 11, wherein said gelling agent is xanthan gum.

16. (previously amended) The composition of claim 10, further comprising one or more additional excipients.

17. (previously amended) The composition of claim 16, wherein said one or more additional excipients is selected from the group consisting of starches, modified starches, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

18. (previously added) The composition of claim 1, further comprising one or more additional excipients.

19. (previously added) The composition of claim 9, further comprising one or more additional excipients.